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BENNETT ANNOUNCES \$169,000 FOR THE PRESERVATION OF PHOTOGRAPHS DOCUMENTING UTAH CULTURE FROM 1890 TO 1980

6,000 Images from the Shipler Commercial Photograph Collection to be digitally preserved

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- Senator Bob Bennett (R-Utah) is pleased to announce that over 6,000 photographs documenting Utah's history and culture will be digitally preserved thanks to a \$169,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

"We are short-sighted if we don't take advantage of the technologies available to us for the preservation of our rich heritage," said Bennett. "Digitally formatting the Shipler Collection helps preserve an important era in Utah's history, while making the works available to millions of viewers who would not otherwise have the opportunity to view and enjoy them."

Max J. Evans, Director of The Utah State Historical Society, who applauds the grant, said, "This is a wonderful opportunity to provide access to these photographs. This grant will allow us to make a sizeable portion of the collection available to the public via the Internet, helping us to fulfill our mission, which is to preserve and share Utah's history."

Shipler was a commercial photographer in Salt Lake City who took photographs of important events during the late 1800s and early 1900s. The Utah State Historical Society will be responsible for the digitization of the 6,000 images, currently represented as glass-plate negatives.

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